



Moonlight Movies

Mansfield Downtown Partnership to Host Movies on the Town Square

Moonlight Movies Begin Friday, June 24

June 23, 2016 – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership's new Moonlight Movies series begins tomorrow, Friday, June 24, with a showing of *Muppet Treasure Island* on the Mansfield Town Square. Activities begin at 7:00 PM, and the movie begins at dusk.

There will be fun activities for children on the Town Square before each movie. The UConn Dairy Bar Ice Cream Truck will be selling everyone's favorite sweet treat, and there will be healthy snacks, water, and lemonade available for purchase from the Partnership, Mansfield Fire Fighter's Association, and the Mansfield Community Playground, respectively.

Dog Lane Café will have movie-themed dinner specials on the menu Friday. For *Muppet Treasure Island*, the specials will be: Swedish Meatballs; "It's Not Easy Being Green" Curry & Basmati Rice; and Jerk Chicken with Mango Salsa. The Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry will also join in the fun with extended museum hours and a free guided tour at 7:30 PM of their current exhibits, *The Bureau of Small Requests: Puppetry and Animation of Laura Heit* and *The World of Puppetry: From the Collections of the Ballard Institute*.

Tomorrow's movie is the delightful *Muppet Treasure Island*, the Muppets' unique take on the Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story of pirate adventures on the high seas. This zany and hilarious version of the tale of Jim, Captain Smollett, and Long John Silver will appeal to all ages. The film is rated G and is one hour and forty minutes long.

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The 2016 Moonlight Movies schedule is as follows:

Friday, June 24: *Muppet Treasure Island*

Friday, July 29: *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

Friday, August 19: *E. T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*

For more information about Moonlight Movies, please visit mansfieldct.gov/movies or contact the Mansfield Downtown Partnership (mdp@mansfieldct.org or 860.429.2740).

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